

Kim DelNigro

From: Roland Bartl
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2006 1:58 PM
To: 'Carol Holley'
Cc: Planning Board; 'Authentic Homes Inc'; Doug Halley; Robert Craig
Subject: RE: Planning Board agenda, perchlorate, Ellsworth Village



Ellsworth Village
blasting



Re: perc



perc



The continuing perc
saga...

I would suggest citizen's concerns at 7:30 PM on April 11, which is the next Planning Board meeting. We'll allow a bit of extra time.

Kim - please allocate 15 minutes on the agenda for citizen's concerns.

For those on the cc - list: The attachments provide some background info for this.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Holley [mailto:cholley@willowhillschool.org]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 5:06 PM
To: Roland Bartl
Subject: Planning Board agenda, perchlorate, Ellsworth Village

Should we come in under Citizen's concerns at the next meeting, or would you rather have us as an agenda item?

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From: Carol Holley [cholley@willowhillschool.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 1:27 PM
To: Roland Bartl
Subject: The continuing perc saga...

I have reached the family and confirmed they are not bleach users. I guess the next step is a test to confirm the first results with another sampling.

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From: Carol Holley [cholley@willowhillschool.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2006 12:40 PM
To: Roland Bartl
Subject: Re: perc

I missed her call, but Rosemary Knox of the DEP left me a message this morning. She urges follow-up testing, and noted that household bleach has been known to break down into perchlorate - so there is more work to be done (although I don't know how that would get into their well from a septic system, which is farther away than the blasting was). I have not yet been able to reach the family to let them know. So, in conclusion, it's probably premature to act on the results. Rose also said that blasting materials from Chile are often contaminated, even if it's not on the MSDS. I can't get back in touch with her until Monday, unfortunately.

I'll keep you posted. I'm not sure how the family is going to feel about shelling out another \$127.50, much less schlepping to and from Westboro.

On Thu, 16 Mar 2006 11:08:15 -0500

"Roland Bartl" <rbartl@acton-ma.gov> wrote:

> Please do - and as I said, the Board of Health office is probably the
> most appropriate repository for this.

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Carol Holley [mailto:cholley@willowhillschool.org]
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To: Planning Board
Cc: Carol Holley; 'Donna M. Cisek (E-mail)'
Subject: Elsworth Village blasting

FYI:

I got a call today from Carol Holley. She reports that abutters to the Ellsworth Village project have done some post blasting testing of their wells and it turns out that one of the wells closest to the site shows traces of perchlorate.

The Planning Board's special permit states:

Blasting

3.2.1 If blasting is required for any of the work shown on the approved Plan, the applicant shall strictly follow the regulations and instructions of the Acton Fire Department.

3.2.2 If perchlorate compounds will be used in the blasting process, the Applicant shall offer all immediate abutters of the Site, and, in the event that blasting is required on Brabrook, Flagg, and Pope Roads, all residents on Brabrook and Flagg Roads and residents abutting the blasting location on Pope Road, a pre-blasting screening of their domestic well water for ammonium perchlorate and other perchlorate compounds. Prior to conducting the blasting, the Applicant shall pay each such abutter or resident who agreed to a pre-blasting test, the cost of a post-blasting test which they may conduct at the time of their choosing. The post-blasting payment is waived for any abutter who ties into the newly installed water main.

3.2.3 If perchlorate compounds will be used for blasting work in Brabrook, Flagg, and Pope Roads, the insurance requirements in the "Specifications for Regulating Construction within Public Ways" shall be expanded to indemnify the Town for a period not less than 10 years against claims for injury, death, or property damage due to any perchlorate contamination of domestic water supply wells that may result from the blasting activity.

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